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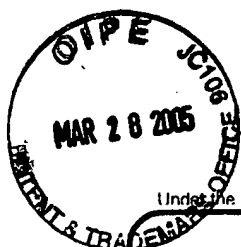
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)**Small Entity Fee (\$)**

50

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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200

100

Multiple dependent claims

360

180

Total Claims**Extra Claims****Fee (\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

new ex-20 or HP = 3 x 25 = 75

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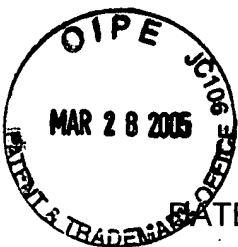
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AMENDMENT

In response to the office action mailed **03/08/2005** please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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